

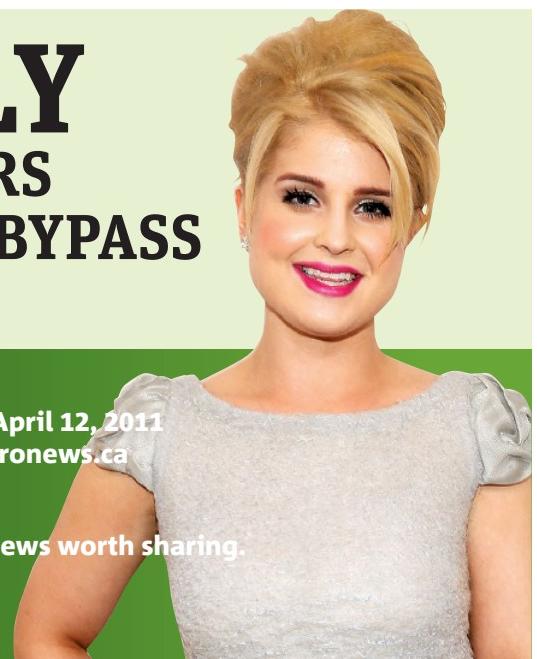
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News worth sharing.



Sun days better than others

The mercury rose yesterday to its highest level of 2011, reaching 14 C. Warm days are not here to stay just yet, though: No double-digit days are forecast for the next 10 days.

Serial liar not killer: Lawyer

► Accused's lawyer: 'You simply can't be certain what happened that night' ► Crown: 'He's used lies to accomplish his goals'

Just because amateur filmmaker Mark Twitchell lied repeatedly to friends, family and police doesn't mean his version about the death and dismemberment of a stranger in his garage is also a lie, his lawyer said yesterday.

Charles Davison, in his closing address to jurors, said Twitchell's case is like the story of the boy who cried wolf.

Yes, said Davison, the story was about a shepherd who falsely claimed so many times that a wolf attack was imminent that none of the villagers would come to help him when it occurred for real.

But a trial is different, he told the six-man, six-woman jury.

"You don't have the luxury of saying, 'You (the accused) have lied too many times. We can ignore what you're saying now,'" Davison said in Court of Queen's Bench.

"I have no doubt in my mind you're suspicious," he added.

"But you simply can't be certain what happened that night of Oct. 10 in that garage."

Twitchell, 31, is accused of the first-degree murder of Johnny Altinger, 38, in the fall of 2008. He has pleaded not guilty.

But he admitted on the stand last week that he lured Altinger to a rented garage on Edmonton's south side to be part of a hoax to help sell a short slasher movie Twitchell had just made.

Instead, he testified, Altinger became upset when he was told he'd been tricked. They fought, Twitchell said, and he knifed him in the heart in self-defence. Then, in a panic, he cut up the body, tried to burn the remains, but ended up dumping them down a sewer.

Crown prosecutor Avril Inglis in her closing address told the jury that nothing Twitchell said on the witness stand is credible.

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From 'SKConfessions'

- Altinger's mother began to cry when Crown prosecutor Avril Inglis recounted what she said were Altinger's last moments, as related in SKConfessions, a file found on Twitchell's computer.
- "The room filled with the echo of the pipe crashing into the back of his skull," Inglis read aloud as Twitchell, sitting at the defence table, looked straight ahead and didn't move.
- "I blasted him so hard blood splattered everywhere."
- "I plunged the knife deep into his neck ... (and) let him bleed out right there on the floor."
- "I got his dead carcass up on that table, and I figured that since I went through all this trouble and made all this mess I would have to clean up."
- "I got my game-processing kit out."



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Homeowner missing after fire

The whereabouts of a Strathcona County man are unknown after his home was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning.

Strathcona County RCMP and Emergency Services will begin a thorough examination of the scene today after responding to the burning home, located in the Winfield Heights subdivision south of Sherwood Park.

It is not known if the lone male owner was there at the time.

The cause and estimate of damage are not yet known. **METRO**

Suspended sentence for man shot by police

More than two years after being shot by police while brandishing a butcher knife, 28-year-old Percy Davis, who has a history of psychiatric problems, was given a one-year suspended sentence.

He was found guilty yesterday of multiple charges stemming from an incident near Abbotsfield Mall on Aug. 8, 2008.

Const. Myles Strommer said Davis refused to drop his knife even after being pepper sprayed, so the officer shot him in the throat and chest.

Davis, who also cannot possess firearms for 10 years and must submit his DNA to a national databank, has filed a \$1-million lawsuit. **METRO**

Charlie Sheen for PM

▶ Prime minister picked out of photo lineup by nearly all those asked, Liberal leader by only half ▶ 86% identified actor Charlie Sheen but 91% did not know Green party leader ▶ 10% recognized none of the leaders, less than 10% could name all ▶ Downtown poll locations at Whyte Avenue, U of A's Campus Saint-Jean, Coliseum LRT station



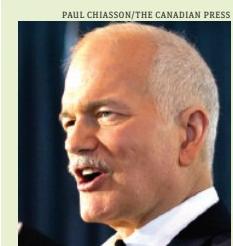
Stephen Harper
Recognized by: 44/50
Most knew the prime minister, but some were a little uncertain. Interesting answers included: "Brian Mulroney?" "He's one of our prime ministers, right?"



Charlie Sheen
Recognized by: 43/50
The in-and-out-of-rehab actor was almost as frequently recognized as the prime minister, the latter topping the poll by one. Many chuckled, a few did not know the star and others said: "He's that guy that wants to raise taxes, the Liberal." "Oh, that loser." "Team Sheen."



Michael Ignatieff
Recognized by: 26/50
Just over half had some idea who the Ontario-based Liberal leader is, but the other half were either unable to place him or had no idea what his name is: "(Bloc Québécois Leader) Gilles Duceppe?" asked a Campus Saint-Jean student. "That Liberal guy," said a few shown his photo who were uncertain of his name.



Jack Layton
Recognized by: 33/50
The NDP leader was named by about two-thirds of those polled, but some were slightly off: "Stephen Harper," said one woman waiting for a bus on Whyte Avenue. Several respondents in the city's downtown core said he looked familiar, but they couldn't come up with a name.



Elizabeth May
Recognized by: 9/50
When it came to the face of the Green party, the student crowd seemed more likely to recognize May, but less than 20 per cent of the time.
— One man at the Coliseum LRT queried: "Wasn't she involved in some kind of scandal?"

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If the upcoming election pitted the prime minister against former Two and a Half Men star Charlie Sheen, Stephen Harper would be ahead by just one vote.

Metro Edmonton hit the streets yesterday to informally poll people's knowledge of those vying to run the country.

Participants ranged from new voters to seasoned ballot casters, and all were asked to identify photos of the four federal leadership candidates and the American actor.

While most knew the prime minister, the Green party's Elizabeth May was barely recognized.

NDP Leader Jack Layton was known to two-thirds of those polled, but not in nearly as much detail as Sheen, who was recently

fired for speaking out against CBS executives.

Michael Ignatieff was recognized as leader of the Liberals by about half of those polled — and less than half of those people were able to pronounce his name correctly.



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Beware of thieves

- Police say industrial theft on rise
- Items like copper wire being stolen

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Police have noted a rise in both thefts and break-and-enters from industrial sites across Edmonton since 2009, with 16 per cent of all break-and-enters occurring at industrial sites.

"Instead of allowing it to rise even further, we

decided to take the initiative," Sgt. Paul Looker said yesterday. "And hopefully with the initiative, we will see a decrease in 2011."

Police say that signage, proper lighting, locked fencing, security cameras and a well-maintained yard are a few ways to deter industrial thieves, along with getting to know and looking out for neighbouring businesses.



► Sgt. Paul Looker stands in front of expensive construction equipment typically stolen from industrial sites.

Monster. Mash



► The Edmonton Rush of the National Lacrosse League, along with Western RV Country, unveiled the Randy Couture Monster Truck in the Rexall Place parking lot yesterday.

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Trucks roll out 'wheel' Rush

Tickets for the Capital Ex Monster Truck Show, which will run July 27 to 29, go on sale this Saturday at 10 a.m. In total, five action-packed shows will take place during the fair — but you can get a sneak peak at the UFC fighter-designed monster truck at Edmonton's Motorsport Show Thursday through Sunday at the Expo Centre.

Charges laid in alleged case of mortgage fraud

Charges have been laid against two people from Alberta and a third person from British Columbia in connection with an alleged mortgage fraud worth millions.

The three face a total of 41 fraud charges involving 97 properties and 15 mortgage lenders.

Police say they started their investigation in early 2005, and catalogued and

\$6.7M^{Mortgage}
fraud charges have been laid with a combined value of \$6.7 million.

processed about 30,000 pages of documents associated with 115 witnesses.

Allan Dawson MacMullin, a 50-year-old Edmonton resident, 34-year-old Josip Seremet, who also lives in Edmonton, and Roy Edward Elander, a 62-year-old man from Summerland, B.C., are facing charges.

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Face-veil ban sparks protest

France put into motion yesterday the world's first ban on Islamic face veils, meaning that women may bare their breasts in Cannes but not cover their faces on the Champs-Elysees.

Two veiled women were

hauled off from a Paris protest just hours after the ban came into effect. Their demonstration, on the cobblestone square facing Notre Dame Cathedral, was rich with the symbolism of France's modern spirit of defiance.

While some see encroaching Islamophobia in the new ban, President Nicolas Sarkozy's government defended it as a rampart protecting France's

identity against inequality and extremism.
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The law affects barely 2,000 women who wear the niqab, which has just a slit for the eyes, and the burka, which has a mesh screen over the eyes.

Gbagbo captured in bunker raid

► Strongman suffers literal slap in face during arrest by Ivory Coast forces ► French air strikes aid in topple

Forces loyal to Ivory Coast's elected president ended the 10-year rule of strongman Laurent Gbagbo yesterday, storming the bunker where he had holed up and putting him under arrest following a crisis that left hundreds dead and threatened to re-ignite a civil war.

Gbagbo's dramatic arrest came after days of heavy fighting during which French and UN helicopters fired rockets at his presidential residence. Forces backing the internationally recognized winner Alassane Ouattara had begun a rapid offensive to oust Gbagbo last month.

Issard Soumahro, a pro-Ouattara fighter at the



► Laurent Gbagbo

at least 3 a.m. yesterday.

"We attacked and forced in a part of the bunker. He was there with his wife and his son," Soumahro said. He added that Gbagbo was tired and had been slapped by a soldier, but was not otherwise hurt.

In western Ivory Coast, rebels fired into the air in jubilation in Duekoue, causing a panic among refugees who fled in all directions or dropped to the ground in terror. In villages going east from Duekoue, people danced in the streets, waving tree branches. In one village, young men paraded with the orange, white and green Ivorian flag.

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scene, told The Associated Press that the ground offensive to seize Gbagbo came after the French launched air strikes until



Last. Trip

Pre-wedding travels

Prince William and fiancée Kate Middleton brought their electric smiles to northwest England yesterday for the last trip in their pre-wedding tour of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Adoring crowds in Blackburn endured a steady rain and lined up early to get a glimpse of the Royal couple, who plan to marry April 29 at Westminster Abbey in London. Most observers agree the four trips were a big success.

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Tories lied to House: Report

► A leaked auditor general report charges that Tories spent lavishly on dubious projects for the G8 summit



The opposition calls it explosive: A bombshell draft report by Canada's auditor general, complete with charges of pork-barrel largesse, dubious government spending and a "misinformed" Parliament.

The Conservatives call it a dud.

Either way, the early draft of Sheila Fraser's forthcoming report promises to rattle podiums today when the televised leaders' debates get underway.

Fraser's confidential Jan.

Loose funds

Among the questionable projects funded were:

- \$274,000 on public toilets 20 km from the summit site.
- \$100,000 on a gazebo an hour's drive away.
- \$1.1 million for sidewalk and tree upgrades 100 km away.
- \$194,000 for a park 100 km away.

13 draft, a chapter of which was seen by the Canadian Press, says the

government misinformed Parliament to win approval for a \$50-million G8 fund that lavished money on questionable projects in Industry Minister Tony Clement's riding.

And it suggests the process by which the funding was approved may have been illegal.

Conservative cabinet minister John Baird insisted yesterday that the final report differs from the draft — most notably in that it doesn't say the government "misinformed" Parliament.

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► Green party Leader Elizabeth May, centre, speaks as Arno Schortenhuis pedals a bicycle to power the audio system during a rally in Vancouver yesterday.

Poll shows majority within reach

The Conservatives have opened a double-digit lead over the Liberals in the latest poll — and are again knocking on majority's door.

The new Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey suggests Stephen Harper's party stands at 40 per cent, 12 points ahead of the Liberals, heading into the first of two televised leaders' debates.

The NDP were at 15 per

cent, with the Bloc Québécois and the Greens trailing at eight per cent.

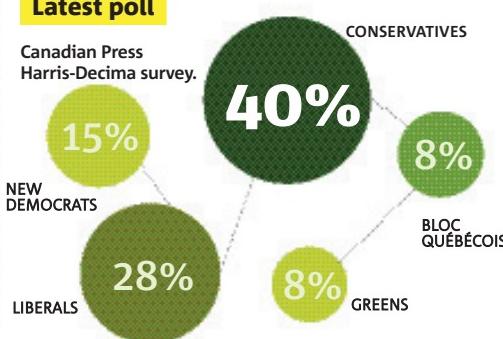
Last week, the two top parties were only seven points apart with the Tories leading 35 to 28 per cent.

The latest sampling of voter intentions suggests Liberal gains during the first week of the campaign might have been a short-term setback.

The telephone survey of 1,018 people was taken

Latest poll

Canadian Press
Harris-Decima survey.



between April 7 and 10, and the results are considered accurate to within plus or minus 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

The findings do not take into account the latest controversy to hit the Conservatives; that is, yesterday's leaked draft auditor general's report pointing to possible spending irregularities during last June's G8 summit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Chornobyl-level threat in Japan

Japan's nuclear safety agency has raised the severity rating of the crisis at its nuclear plant to the highest level, on par with the 1986 Chernobyl disaster.

An official with the Nuclear Safety Commission of Japan, speaking on national television, said yesterday the rating was raised from 5 to 7.

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MESSAGE OVERLOAD

I'm not what you would call technologically inclined. I collect old typewriters, scribble all my appointments in a moleskin notebook and every cellphone I buy malfunctions just a few days after the warranty expires.

But as much as I hate technology, I hate being out of the loop even more. And so this weekend I reluctantly downloaded Livefile — a new instant messaging app for my BlackBerry. Do I need yet another way to host multiple conversations on my mobile? Of course not.

And, yet, it would appear that our generation's voracious appetite for instant messaging still hasn't been satisfied. This latest cross-platform service quickly surged to one million users in just five days after launching an app for BlackBerry users at the end of March.

So if you were having trouble connecting with me via BBM, SMS, Gmail chat, Facebook, Skype, LinkedIn, Twitter, email and, oh yea, the actual telephone, there is now a brand new way to reach me on whatever smartphone of choice you have glued to your sweaty palm. Ironically, the more ways there are to stay in contact, the less connected I feel.

My desire to join the conversation (wherever it might be) means that quality correspondence gives way to compulsion. I routinely experience phantom vibrations (Google it) and, like Pavlov's poor canine, I start salivating at the very sight of a blinking red light.

The pressure to keep up with the rapid dialogue these technologies facilitate diminishes our ability to nurture meaningful relationships. We let cellphones become the intrusive third wheel on dinner dates and scan status updates and online photo albums instead of planning face-to-face catchup sessions.

So, has this brave new world of mobile messaging left us entirely out of touch with reality? Maybe not.

Last week I received a handwritten letter from a long-distance friend. This small note probably took her less than 20 minutes to compose, seal, stamp and mail, yet it was infinitely more meaningful than 20 days worth of instant messaging.

I read it over no fewer than three times before carefully placing the pages on a pin board in my bedroom — a much more tangible keepsake holder than my virtual catalogue on Pinterest.com.

I'll preserve the letter like an ancient relic of a time gone by to remind myself that every once in a while there is real value in going offline — because maintaining a constant stream of texts, tweets, pins and posts doesn't really seem like networking anymore. It just seems like work.

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Read more of Jessica Napier's columns at metronews.ca/shesays

Worth mentioning

The six humans circling the Earth said yesterday they will join in the celebrations of two prominent space anniversaries from the best vantage point of all: orbit.

Today marks the 50th anniversary of man's first journey into space and the 30th anniversary of the first space shuttle launch.

"We're going to spend the day (today) recognizing it in probably the best place you possibly can, that's on orbit and looking at our beautiful Earth," American astronaut Ronald Garan Jr. told The Associated Press from the International Space Station.

The space station's Russian commander, Dmitry Kondratyev, said the human dream of flying to the stars came true with Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin's flight on April 12, 1961.

"Fifty years is a short period of time in history, but look at that leap from a small spacecraft to the huge International Space Station," Kondratyev told the AP. "We hope that during the next 50 years, another leap that is not less than has been done, will be done." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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A DEBATE MOST VOTERS WOULD LIKE TO SEE:



WEIRD NEWS

Bring apple for a teacher, snack for a judge

If you have to face a judge, try for first thing in the morning or right after lunch. A new study suggests that is when they are most lenient. Seeking to test the idea that justice depends on "what the judge ate for breakfast," researchers studied 1,112 rulings by Israeli judges who were presiding over boards deciding whether to grant parole to prisoners.

"We find that the likelihood of a

favourable ruling is greater at the very beginning of the work day or after a food break than later in the sequence of cases," the researchers report in today's edition of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

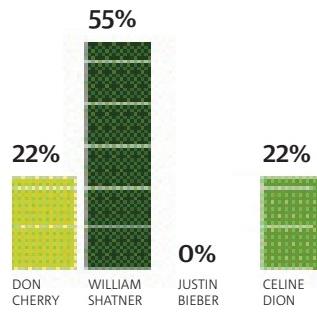
They found that at the beginning of a court session about 65 per cent of the rulings tended to be in favour of the prisoner, but the chance of a favourable ruling declined to near zero by the end of the session. After a break for a meal, favourable rulings for the prisoners jumped back up to about 65 per cent, and then began declining again. And the pattern held true for each of the eight judges observed over 50 days, they noted.

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Forget the current federal leaders, who would make a better prime minister?



Local tweets

- @3TENphoto: This might be optimistic but I'm gonna retire my winter coat for the year. #yeg
- @THE_REAL_BRETTG: To the 200+ people I cut off on 103st to get onto the hill toward kinsmen ... Sorry. Won't do it again. #yeg #loveyou
- @TheGrillGeek: It's officially spring in the #yeg Just saw my first street sweeper out! Only 6 more weeks till winter! Hoorraaay!!
- @lamyasifff: Ok, men of #yeg. The #NHL regular
- @3TENphoto: This might be optimistic but I'm gonna retire my winter coat for the year. #yeg
- @TommyisYEG: Too early for #shorts? #yeg
- @iamtaylorsmith: Ok #yeg, it's my first spring with a convertible. When can I take it out and not look like a giant tool? #probablyanallenwrench
- @idillun: Wow ets, delays just before rush hour on a monday? Not smart. Actually quite dumb. #yeg #yegtransit
- @caughtintheflow: Make it rain #yeg I miss the rain, its snows hot sister.



BP EQUALS BIG POCKETS BP BUYS GULF COAST MILLIONS IN GEAR

In the year since the oil spill on the Gulf of Mexico, officials on the coast have gone on a spending spree with BP money, dropping tens of millions of dollars on gadgets and other gear — much of which had little to do with the cleanup.

The oil giant opened its chequebook while the crisis was unfolding last spring and poured hundreds of millions of dollars into the region.

In sleepy Ocean Springs, Miss., reserve police officers got Tasers. Nearby Gulfport bought a \$300,000 vacuum truck

that never sucked up a drop of oil. A parish president in Louisiana bought herself a deluxe iPad.

In every case, communities said the new equipment was needed to deal with the spill. In many instances, though, lots of money wound up in towns that never even saw oil from the disaster.

All told, BP PLC says it has paid state and local governments more than \$754 million US and reimbursed Washington \$694 million US. But there has been almost no accounting for the money. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

IMF boosts outlook for Canada's economy

► Risks for Canada in 2011 are deteriorating housing markets and rising household debt combined with weak U.S. economy and European debt

Canada's economy will grow by 2.8 per cent this year, up from an earlier forecast of 2.3 per cent, the International Monetary Fund said yesterday as it warned that the world is facing new threats from surging oil prices, Middle East turmoil, higher inflation in China and Europe's debt woes.

In the face of these challenges, the IMF lowered its expectations for Canada for 2012 to 2.6 per cent compared with 2.7 per cent in an earlier forecast. The Canadian economy grew 3.1 per cent in 2010.

Meanwhile, the global economy should grow 4.4 per cent this year. That compares with growth of five per cent last year. The IMF projects industrial countries will grow 2.4 per cent while developing countries, a group that includes China, will grow at 6.5 per cent.

Olivier Blanchard, the IMF's chief economist, said it is critical for countries running large gov-



► "The world economic recovery is gaining strength, but it is unbalanced," Olivier Blanchard, the IMF's chief economist, said at a news conference yesterday in Washington, D.C. The IMF is meeting with Group of 20 nations this weekend to discuss threats to the global recovery.

ernment deficits, such as the United States, to make progress in getting those deficits under control. At the same time, countries with large trade surpluses, such as China, need to boost domestic demand and not rely so heavily on exports to generate growth.

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Market moment

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Scene in brief



Reese Witherspoon mourns the loss of her privacy. The Oscar-winning actress says she sometimes sits in her car crying because she cannot go out in public as much as she'd like. Witherspoon says in the May issue of *Vogue* that although much of her life belongs to other people, but she wouldn't trade it.

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Rutgers students seek Bruce Springsteen to help polish school's image, counteract Snooki event

► When the NHL playoffs begin tomorrow, Canada's national pastime will be pervading our everyday lives ► To prepare you, here are the best movies to get your hockey mind in the mood for a long grueling Stanley Cup run

An all-star lineup of hockey's best movies



MVP (Best Overall): Slap Shot (1977)
Nothing has captured the rough-and-tumble life of hockey as well as Paul Newman leading the Charlestown Chiefs and those bloodthirsty Hanson Brothers. Based on a real 1970's semi-pro team called the Johnstown Jets, *Slap Shot* is the Wayne Gretzky of all hockey movies.

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Most Sportsmanlike: The Rocket (2005)
This inspiring biopic about legendary Habs star Maurice Richard is remarkable for noting the struggles of a determined Francophone player in the NHL's brutally fierce early days. It earned nine Genie Awards including best actor for Roy Dupuis.



Most Improved (with time): Sudden Death (1995)
Sure, it may not be a hockey movie per se, but with Jean-Claude Van Damme trying to halt a terror attack during the Stanley Cup finals, *Sudden Death* is definitely worth revisiting. Besides, any movie featuring a three-minute fight scene between the Muscles from Brussels and the Pittsburgh Penguins mascot can't be that bad.



Player's Pick: Miracle (2004)
"I love (*Miracle*) simply because it's a huge moment in hockey history," said Vancouver Canucks forward Mason Raymond of the dramatic retelling of Team USA's gold-medal win in the 1980 Winter Olympics. "That movie shows everyone what hard work, team work and a bit of luck can give ... it should be mandatory for all future hockey players to watch that movie."



Top Prospect: Goon
Directed by Michael Dowse (*Fubar*) and starring Jay Baruchel from a script he co-wrote, this comedy about a bouncer who finds his calling as a hockey goon recently wrapped filming in Winnipeg and will undoubtedly cinematically reclaim the game for Canada when it hits theatres later this year.

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Halle thinks she's not the marrying kind

► Blames poor choices in love on lack of a good male role model growing up

Halle Berry has decided, after some trial and error, that marriage just isn't for her, according to the Sun.

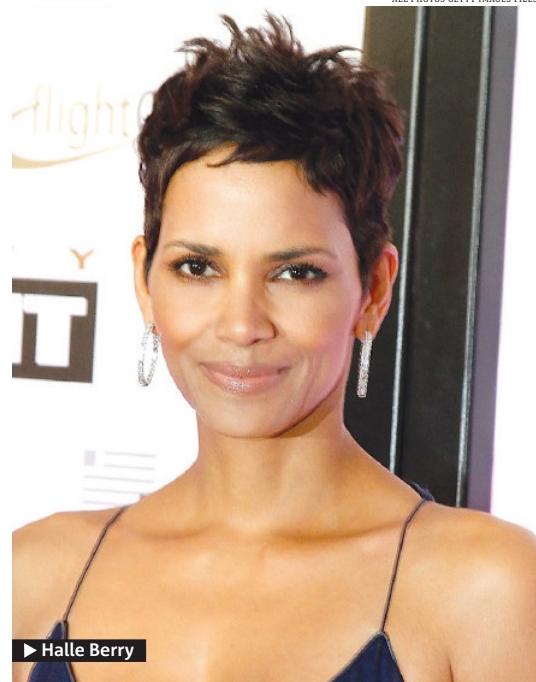
"I wish I had known then that I was not the marrying kind. It would have saved me a lot of time, heartache and grief over the years," Berry says.

"I made all the wrong choices when it came to love. I have been an idiot."

And the Oscar-winner attributes that behaviour in part to her upbringing: "My father left us when I was young and that did affect my life," Berry says.

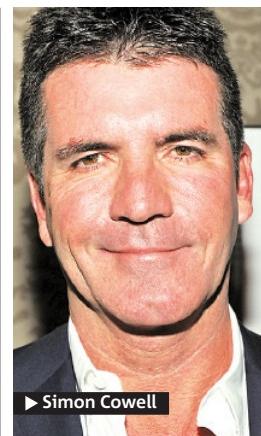
"If I had a good father in my life, growing up, then I do not think I would have made the mistakes I made ... I would have had a good role model and known what to look for."

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► Halle Berry

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► Simon Cowell

Cowell's family fears burnout

With the U.S. version of his hit show X Factor set to launch, Simon Cowell is a busy man — perhaps too busy.

"Simon's mom is freaking out. His family thinks he's doing too much and are telling him to slow down before his workload seriously damages his health," a source tells the Sun.

Cowell is reportedly planning to be a judge on both the American and British editions of the show, though some have their doubts. "Simon's a workaholic but he'd need a time machine to be physically able to appear on both the American and UK versions," another source says.

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Osbourne worried about weight

Kelly Osbourne is reportedly considering gastric bypass surgery to maintain the results of her recent weight loss after she returned from vacation to find some of the weight coming back, according to the Daily Star.

"Kelly knows a gastric band would be drastic but she's desperate to keep the weight off," a source says.

The Fashion Police star is reportedly also worried about her standing as the face of Madonna's Material Girl fashion line. "She's scared of getting axed in favour of someone skinny," the source says. ● METRO



► Kelly Osbourne

Celebrity tweets



"Rumor patrol...I haven't been to the @JessicaSimpson DMV in years!!!"



@daxshepard
"I was hit by a range rover a month ago on Vermont. If anyone saw this please let me know. Photos would rule."



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"It doesn't matter how rough a day can be, or how little sleep I get. When I look into those blue eyes..everything washes away. I love my baby"



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All in all, religious people do tend to live longer than non-religious people, mainly because religious people — as a cross-section of the population — tend not to smoke, says Matthew Feinstein, a researcher at Northwestern University.

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► A new study found people with higher religious participation were more prone to being obese.

► New study finds that those with high religious participation were more likely to be obese ► Blame placed on calorie-rich comfort food

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Something about religion makes people fatter.

New research in Chicago has found that young people who do religious activities at least once a week are twice as likely to become obese at middle age as those with no religious involvement.

"It is likely that the regular intake of traditional, calorie-rich comfort foods at religious gatherings is partially responsible for the greater risk of obesity that we found," lead researcher Matthew Feinstein told Metro.

Feinstein and colleagues from the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine kept track of the religious habits and weights

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MATTHEW FEINSTEIN

of 2,433 young men and women for 18 years.

At the beginning of the study subjects were between age 20 and 32, and all were a normal weight.

Several religions were included: Protestants, Catholics, Muslims and Jews. Those who had a high frequency of religious participation (attending at least once a week) were 50 per cent more likely to be obese by middle age.

Which comes first? Religion or obesity?

This study establishes that something connected to the high religious involvement is associated with weight gain over time, not that obese people take up religion.

Feinstein suggests religious groups should use their get-togethers to educate the faithful about preventing obesity through better nutrition and regular physical activity.

The data were presented at an American Heart Association scientific session in Atlanta, Ga.

The people in the study were part of a larger study called the Coronary Artery Risk Development in Young Adults. The object of the study was to find out which groups are at higher risk for obesity, and therefore diseases and earlier death.

The burden of bearing children

► Are kids making parents less fit? Childless adults better at keeping in shape than peers

Could kids be to blame for new parents' bad health habits? A study found that mothers of young children were heavier and ate more calories, sugary drinks and fatty foods than childless women. Dads and moms in the study were less active than their peers without kids.

"This isn't a study about blame," said co-author Jeri-

ca Berge, a University of Minnesota researcher. "This is about identifying ... a very high-risk time period" for parents that doctors should be aware of so they can offer solutions, she said.

That may include diet advice, parent-child exercise classes, or just getting parents to take walks with their kids, the researchers

said. The study involved 1,520 adults aged 25 on average, including parents with children younger than five years old. They were among more than 4,000 Minneapolis-area public school students enrolled in a study in their teens; the new study includes those who responded to followup surveys.

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► Parents with kids were found to be less active than their peers without children.



TV watching at meals indicator of more overall screen time for three-year-olds: Study

No thinking on binge drinking

Nearly half of all teens don't see five or more drinks on a daily basis as a big deal, says a new U.S. study

Downing five or more alcoholic drinks nearly every day isn't seen as a big problem for many of the teens in the United States, says a new report.

When asked if they see "great risk" in drinking that much, almost half the teens questioned — 45 per cent — didn't see it as a big deal.

The study released Wednesday by The Partnership at Drugfree.org also showed upward trends in marijuana and Ecstasy use among young people in Grades 9 through 12.

"You're seeing this weakness in this generation of teens' attitudes around drug and alcohol



Binge drinking rates are at record lows, but teens still not worried by downing a few drinks.

use," says Steve Pasierb, president of the partnership. "It's not like this generation of kids thinks they're more bulletproof than others, but they really don't see any harm in that heavy drinking."

And while the numbers suggest many teens do not

perceive significant harm in heavy drinking, the percentage of teens drinking is down.

"U.S. government data shows underage drinking and binge drinking are at record low levels," says Dr. Raymond Scalettar.

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I sat down to a tub full of vegan chili (\$5.25) next to a vat of spinach and arugula leaves under sliced apple and crushed pecans

(\$5.25). I poured on some house vinaigrette and went to work.

Next, after a couple of bites of chili, I found myself speeding up. I couldn't stop devouring the hearty chunks of squash and beans that sank through

the meatless broth. It was delicious, and I even noticed a hint of heat after a few spoonfuls.

I polished off the latte and wandered out through the artwork, stylish vases and massive bouquets of La Piazza.

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Alexandria Mah works full-time as a Revenue Canada auditor, plays intercollegiate soccer for the NAIT Ooks, and is pursuing both a degree and a CGA credential. She needed a degree program that delivered flexibility and results – and found it in NAIT's Bachelor of Business Administration.

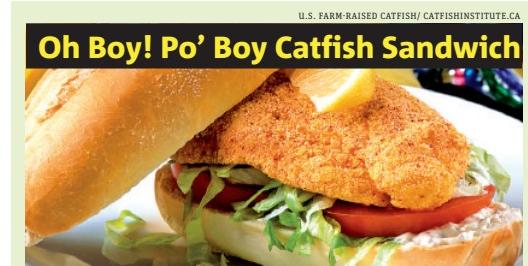
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Dip into egg mix followed by cornmeal mix, coating well.

2 In skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat and add 2 fillets. Cook for about 4 minutes per side or until a deep golden brown and fish flakes easily with a fork. Repeat with remaining fillets, adding more oil if needed.

3 Meanwhile, in bowl, stir mayonnaise with mustard and slice rolls in half horizontally. Spread bottom half of each roll with mayonnaise and top with sliced tomatoes and shredded lettuce. Top with cooked fish fillet and serve with lemon wedges.

Preparation:

1 Place flour into dish. In another dish, whisk egg with milk. In a third dish combine cornmeal, cayenne, garlic and salt. Dip each catfish fillet into flour; shake off excess.

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self for others to view and rate on a scale of one to 10. If you're looking to meet someone, there's also a section where you can post a brief personal profile and "like" profiles of others whom you are interested in.)

"Kelly liked my profile and photo, and the rest, as they say, is history. We chatted online and on the phone for about six weeks before we met in person. Kelly has a daughter, Cassidy, so she was very cautious; she wanted to be sure I wasn't a creep! In those conversations, we discovered that we had a lot in common and even

started to finish each other's sentences! Kelly actually canceled our first date out of nervousness; she thought things were too good to be true and that one of us would be disappointed. Fortunately, I managed to talk her into it, and when we finally did meet, it was incredible!

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Claire: Tick tock...tick tock.

That's the sound of a bomb waiting to blow, my friend. If you're uncomfortable enough to ask whether or not a line's being crossed, then maybe you should back off.

First step is to avoid those intimate one-on-ones. Go out for lunch in groups, avoid her when drunk at the office Christmas party. Every now and then, talk about how great your girlfriend is. Mention

how you speak to her in weird baby voices, and what your next vacation together will be like. Keep the venting strictly for boys and beer.

Andrea: Andrea may be my half sister, but we are in full agreement on this one. The fact that you'd even write this is a sign that you've thought about it going further (which is normal, but dangerous). It's that stereotypical slippery slope that starts with her stopping by your desk to borrow a Post-It, and ends with you imagining her on your desk, doing things that have nothing to do with Post-Its. So, since you asked, the rules are: group lunches only, burp often and loudly, scratch often and blatantly, and swear like a rabid trucker.

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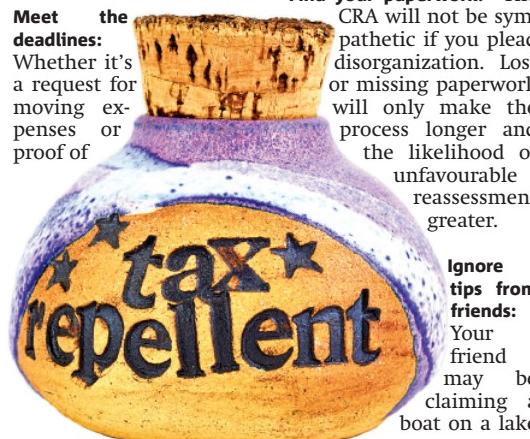
Fast forward into adulthood and even a mere query from the Canada Revenue Agency is enough to put you right back on that hard chair, stomach churning, as you waited for an audience with the principal.

Whether it is a query, a re-assessment or a full-blown audit, H & R Block

offers seven tips to help you get through it.

Deal with it: Don't ignore those brown CRA envelopes. Open. Read. Act. And if you get a phone call return it promptly. Sticking your head in the sand definitely does not work with the CRA.

Meet the deadlines: Whether it's a request for moving expenses or proof of



childcare costs, there will be a deadline which you should note in big red letters on your calendar. Otherwise you risk re-assessment and denial of the claim or credit. However the CRA will often extend a deadline if you call in advance.

Find your paperwork: The CRA will not be sympathetic if you plead disorganization. Lost or missing paperwork will only make the process longer and the likelihood of unfavourable reassessment greater.

Ignore tips from friends: Your friend may be claiming a boat on a lake

up north somewhere as an employment expense but don't be tempted to follow suit. Same goes for things such as cell phones. Employment expenses can only be claimed with form T2200 and must be included in your employment contract.

Pay up front: Pay any balance after a reassessment immediately. You can file a Notice of Objection if you disagree. If you are successful you'll be refunded the money and if not you'll have avoided interest charges during the process.

Stand up for yourself: The CRA can be heavy handed. If you feel the CRA treatment has been unreasonable or unfair complain to the Taxpayers' Ombudsman Office which ensures the Taxpayers' Bill of Rights is being upheld.

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PRE-NUPTIAL PANIC?

Sometimes people feel the need to protect their net worth from their partner. Perhaps there's a great disparity between assets or income or this is a second marriage. Children from a previous union might be involved or one partner could own a business. Other times; there are trust issues. Generally, whatever is accumulated during a marriage or a recognized common-law union is considered community property and would be divided equally during divorce and separation proceedings.

But, tools such as cohabitation and prenuptial agreements can be signed prior to joining households.

These papers define rights, obligations and how each partner wants to own their assets if the union ends.

Regardless of your personal view, take an inventory of all your assets prior to marriage or moving in. Sometimes asset values (or entitlement) can get blurred through divorce and separation proceedings. By having a clear record of what you own and its value (use an appraiser if you need to and keep your receipts), asset values will be very clear.

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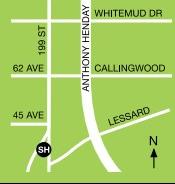


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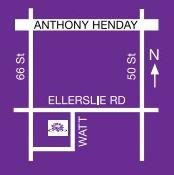


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CDI massage clinics knead for those in need

Students of the Massage Therapy program at CDI College's Edmonton North campus aren't strangers to raising money for charity. Over the last year, they've used their on-site massage therapy clinics to accept donations and raise funds for a number of local community organizations. When the province of Alberta introduced a program to help men and women with no fixed address obtain provincial ID cards through community service organizations like The Mustard Seed, the Massage Therapy students at CDI College's Calgary North and Edmonton North campuses decided to help. Through their onsite massage clinics, they each

raised \$1,230, enough to cover the costs for 100 provincial ID cards for homeless citizens both Edmonton and Calgary. This spring, the Edmonton branch began distribution of the funds through its community advocacy program, a resource that helps those living in poverty to engage with existing support systems within the community.

University of Alberta students compete in satellite design competition

Geocentrix Technologies Ltd. is pleased to announce that the University of Alberta is among teams competing for Canada's first Canadian Satellite Design Challenge (CSDC). This Canada-wide university competition is challenging universities to create new innovative satellite designs that may lead to advance-

ments in this industry. The challenge runs over two academic years and the winning team will be selected in late 2012, with the intention of launching its satellite into orbit to conduct a science research mission. Excitement is mounting as the teams work towards the first project milestone: a Preliminary Design Review, where experienced engineers and scientists from Canadian space industry will evaluate their initial designs. The CSDC will give participating students a solid foundation in satellite design, project management, and working in a large, inter-disciplinary team setting. This experience will give the students an immense advantage when they graduate and begin looking for careers in the Canadian space industry or other high-tech companies.

Craig Magill collection will play on at Grant MacEwan

The music collection of the late Craig Magill, one of Edmonton's most passionate supporters of jazz music, will soon become a valuable resource for Grant MacEwan University's music program. Magill suffered a massive brain injury after losing his footing outside a jazz club in New York's Greenwich Village in 2009. His wife, Wendy, is generously donating his cherished collection of music to the university. The collection includes around 2,000 CDs, 100 DVDs, 700 vinyl records, and other resources including VHS recordings, books and archival materials.

On top: the University of Lethbridge women's basketball team

It has been 40 years since a group of women from a

new and small institution called the University of Lethbridge captured the school's first national championship, and the school celebrated that accomplishment by inducting the 1971 Chinooks into the Pronghorns Hall of Fame at the 44th Pronghorn Blue and Gold awards banquet last week. Just four years into the existence of the institution, the Chinooks captured the Canadian Junior Women's Basketball Championship at the War Memorial Gymnasium at Vancouver's University of British Columbia.

NAIT joins Polytechnics Canada

Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) is now a member of Polytechnics Canada. NAIT chose to join Polytechnics Canada because of its commitment to foster and grow students'

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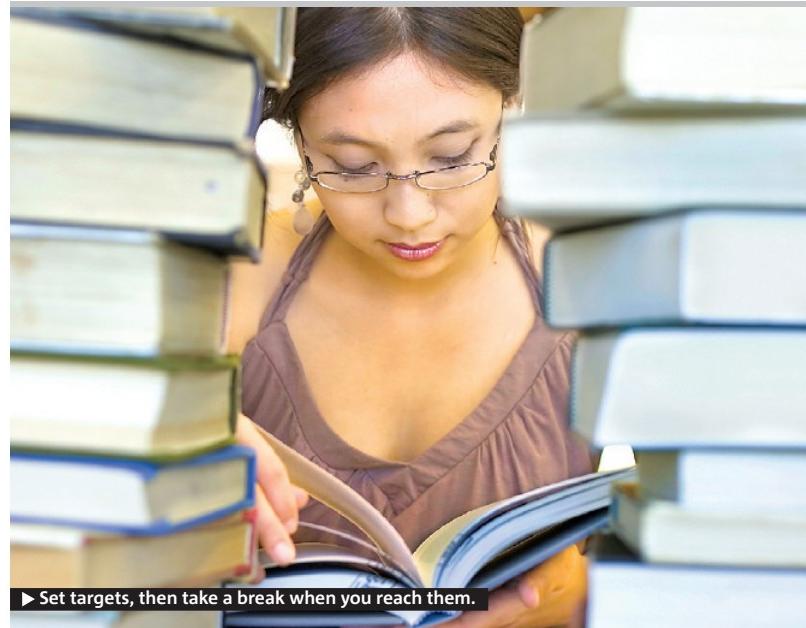
When you've read the same paragraph 10 times and it's still as undecipherable as ancient Egyptian, and you're not studying ancient Egyptian, it's time to put the books down. Experts say good breaks are a critical part of exam preparation and actually make your brain work better.

Debbie Bruckner, the director of the Student Union Wellness Centre at the University of Calgary, says an overburdened brain stops processing new information.

"You've got to put it into your short-term memory and then move it into your long-term memory," she says.

To do that, you need to stop cramming new knowledge into your cranium.

Joanne Mills, a psychologist at Mount Saint Vincent University's Student Counseling Services in Halifax, says most people can



concentrate for 45 minutes to an hour at a time, but then need 15 minutes to rest. She suggests picking your break activity — Facebooking, going for a

run — and setting a timer for 15 minutes.

"It's a cue to your mind — almost a Pavlovian response to pair a signal with refocusing," she says.

Mills also suggests setting targets and stopping when you've reached them.

"Some students will take that break even if

they haven't finished what they set out to do and then they don't really relax or enjoy it because their mind is racing with 'I must, I should, I have to,'" Mills said.

If you're in the flow, ride the momentum until you come to a natural break in the material, then set the timer again and walk to the corner store.

Alternating which books you're hitting also helps. Work on English for an hour, then switch to math. It's like exercising multiple muscles at the gym, as different parts of your brain flex for different subjects.

Bruckner says that to maintain a healthy mind-body-spirit temperament in the heat of exam season, sit down with your calendar.

"Make a schedule for the month of April — when your assignments are due, when your final exams are, what the weighting is for each," she says.

How to unwind



► Take a hot bath. Incense, bubble bath and the radio can soothe the body, mind and spirit after an intense study session.

► Phone a friend. Studying can be isolating, so it helps to reach out and break up the intensity with some social time.

► Go for a walk. Fresh air and exercise wake you up and give you time to process new information.

► Veg out on mindless TV. Some people need to just switch off and get their Jersey Shore on.

► Take a nap. A 15-minute siesta could solve a fatigue problem and it's a great alternative to many cups of coffee.

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Studying in groups works

➲ Learning with a peer group helps students retain more information of the long-haul ➼ It also helps when you are stuck on a problem

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Zara starts studying for exams weeks in advance, often meeting with her classmates to compare notes. Nicholas is a perpetual procrastinator, cramming for every exam the night before.

They're both straight-A university students. However, research shows that Zara is much more likely to retain the information she

learns for years to come.

"Long-term learning is done over an extended period of time," says André Malan, student development coordinator at Chapman Learning Commons, with the University of British Columbia. "You can't learn things long term with one cram session. The brain doesn't work like that."

Malan oversees a group of academic coaches — student peers who assist other students to improve their

study habits through goal setting, provision of online resources and workshops on issues around learning.

Studying in groups enhances the retention of information because it helps to keep you focused. "On average, students who learn together or study together will do better than those who don't," says Malan.

"If you have a problem, instead of trying to figure it out yourself and spending an hour on it, you can get someone to explain it to

you in 10 minutes. That's an obvious advantage."

Of course, there are exceptions. We all know students who just aren't able to focus with other people around. They get distracted and start discussing things like the upcoming dance.

If your goal is just to pass the upcoming exam rather than learn from it, cramming might even get you a better mark than someone who prepares well in advance.

Study styles

► Study habits can say a lot about a person's personality, says Dr. Irvin Wolkoff, a Toronto psychiatrist. "Personality is like a fingerprint that shows up in everything that an individual feels, thinks and does, including study styles."

► People who organize their sense of self around interactions with others are likely to have a "group study" style, says Wolkoff. In contrast, those whose personality is perhaps a bit light in terms of standards and values may not see the need for steady application, making all-nighters necessary, he says.

► It's a good idea to learn your study style, says Dr. Wolkoff. "Once you know how you're inclined to work, you can shore up your weaknesses and play to your strengths."



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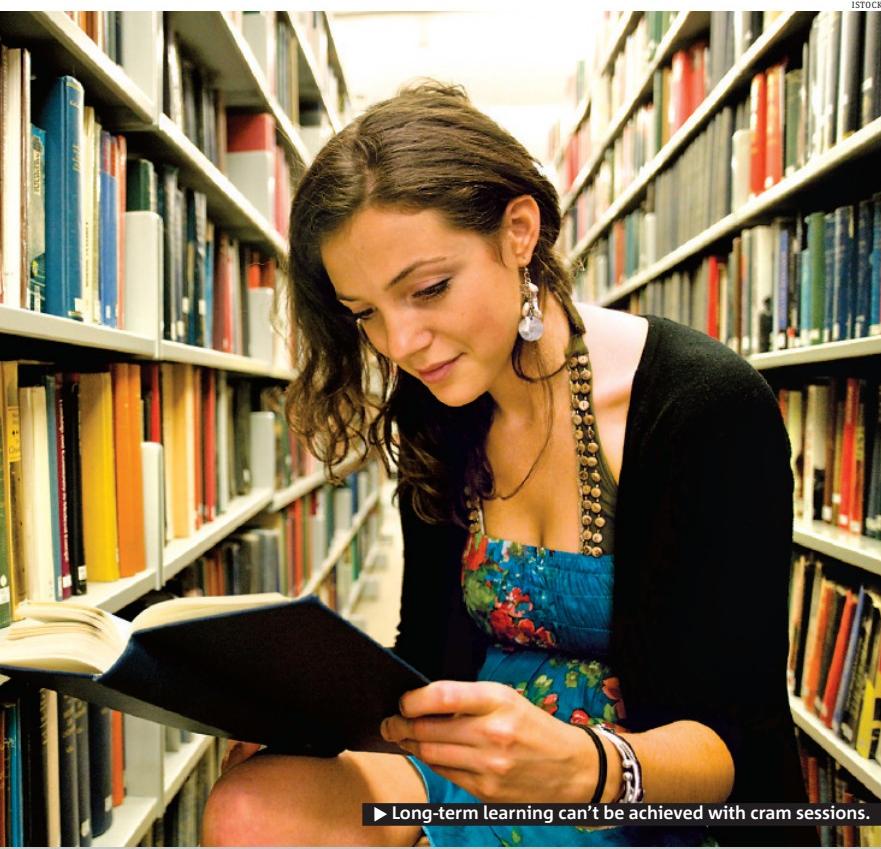
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Moving Day

Avoid the potential stress, and waste, of moving-out day with these plan-ahead tips:

- Be sure to reserve a moving van if you need one. They book up quickly for weekend moving, especially as school terms finish up.
- Consider keeping just the essentials, and moving out everything else, the week before your last exams to avoid

the chaos of moving day.
• Ask family or friends to bring carts and dollies, extra boxes and small vacuum/cleaning supplies.

• Many schools offer drop-off or pick-up services to recycle unwanted furniture, e-waste, clothing and non-perishable food. Check with your local mattress store about whether or not they recycle mattresses.

• Rather than drag all your stuff home for the summer, consider a local self-storage facility or service like storeyourdorm.ca that picks up in April, and delivers back in the fall.

Moving Back Home

When Sam Caldwell returned to his Toronto suburb after his first year at the University of Windsor, he was struck by how empty the streets seemed, how quiet the neighbourhood went after dark.

Living with his

parents for the summer brought big adjustments for everyone and conflicts over curfews, cars and carrying out the trash.

"It felt like they were controlling my life again," he said.

To avoid a summer of strife, try this:

- Negotiate ground rules over laundry, car/gas use, housekeeping and groceries.

- You may be too old for curfews, but not for courtesy. Let parents know when you expect to be home at night or whether you'll be there for dinner.

- Surprise the folks with how much you've matured: offer to cook (or ask for lessons), wash the car or help paint the deck.

- When home turf turns testy, take a breather and remind yourself: it's back to school again in September.

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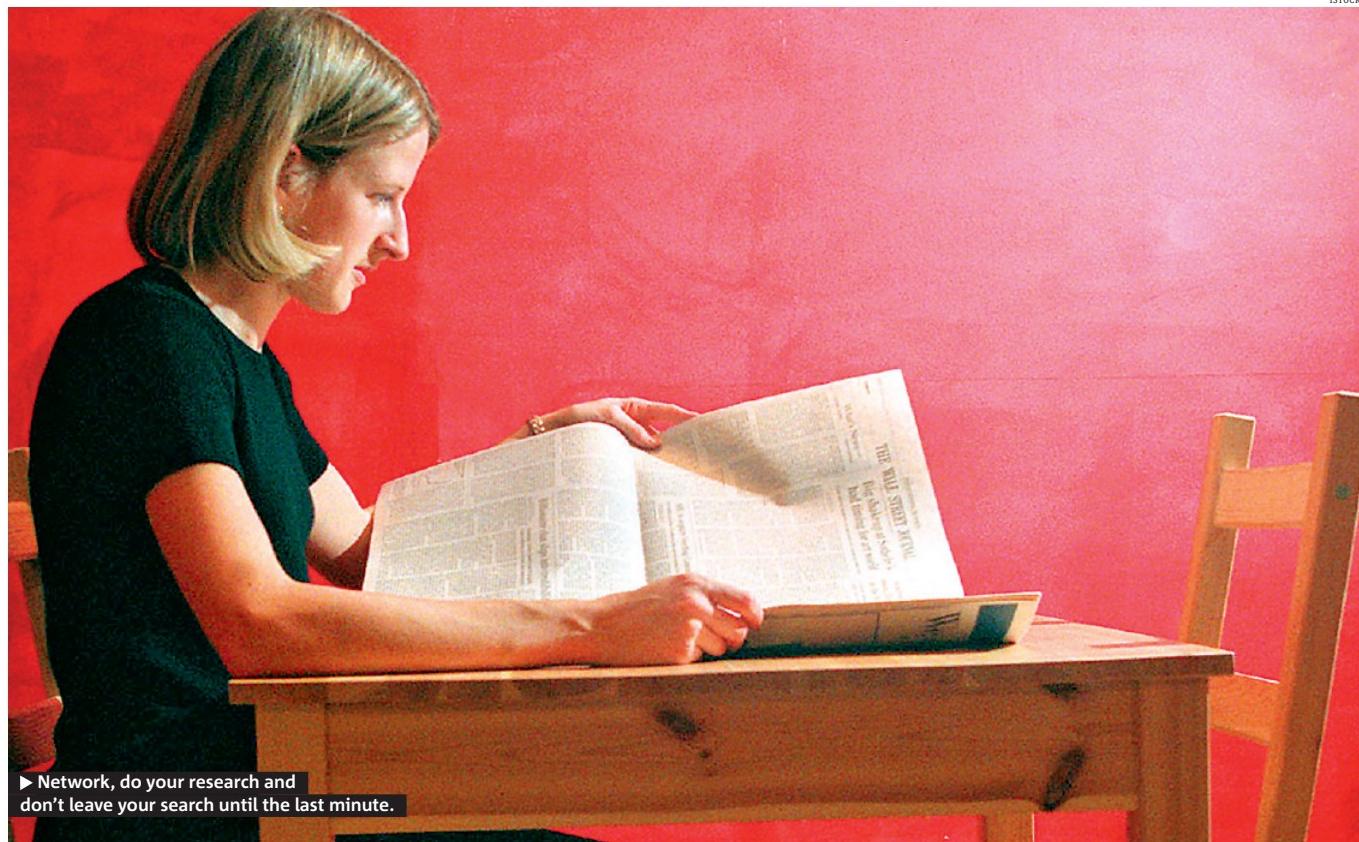
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Simple tips

A couple things that can help you stand out from the crowd

- **Resumé** Don't underestimate the value of a great resumé. Find someone you know who is a great writer or works in the human resources industry to proofread your resumé and provide constructive feedback. Your resumé is the face of your application; it should read well and look great! Most university and colleges offer free resumé review services at the career centre. Make sure your resumé highlights the key aspects of your past experience and education in a logical way, is easy to read, and has consistent formatting.
- **Don't be late for the interview** This one may seem like a no-brainer but keep in mind: if you can't get to your interview in time, what does that say about your ability to show up for work on time on a regular basis?



► Network, do your research and don't leave your search until the last minute.



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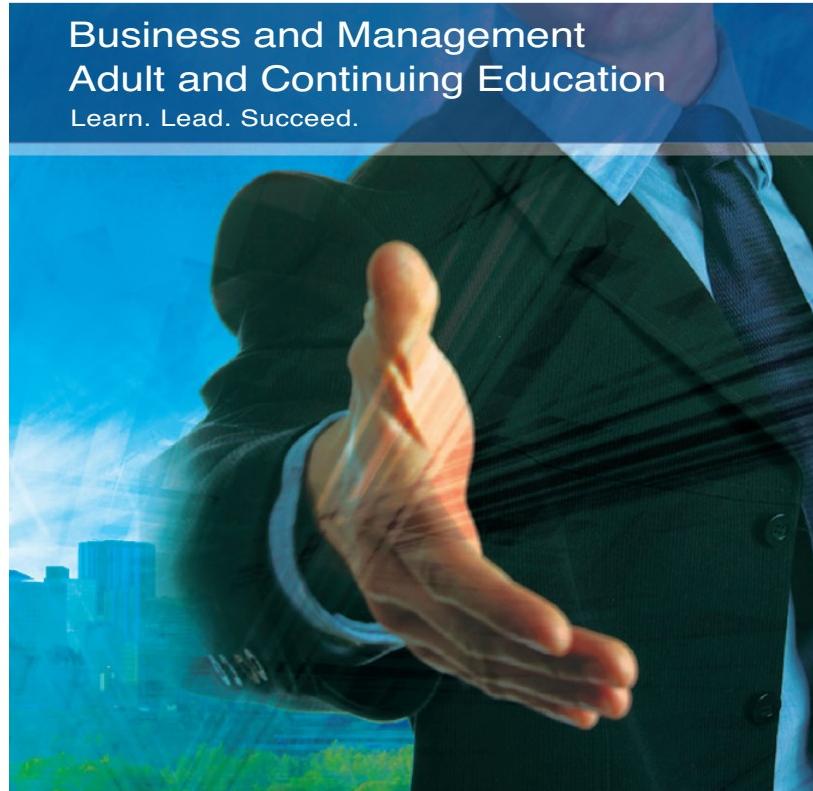
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Land that summer job

► Here are some tips on how to land that dream summer job — and start developing those future career goals



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Do your research

Come prepared to your interview with knowledge about the company and questions for your interviewer. Make an effort to get to know their culture by checking out the website or speaking with an employee. 572032

Do think about long-term career goals

Are you interested in pursuing a marketing role in the hospitality or retail industry following graduation? In many businesses,

learning from the ground up will provide valuable insight into the business, customers and products and give you foundational knowledge that will help you be promoted once you graduate. If companies you would love to work for do not have opportunities right now, keep in touch with someone you met in the job-hunt process.

Use your network

Networking isn't just for full-time employment. Tell everyone you know you are looking for a summer job — you never know who might be able to help you out. One of the most effective ways to get your foot in the door is to know someone who works at the company you want to work for — better still if



► Remember to use an appropriate email address when sending in your resumé.

they can provide you with a great recommendation. Talk to all of the people in your social network and

let them know what type of role you are looking for. **Dress appropriately and be prepared**

Make sure you dress appropriately, are ready to complete an application, and are prepared for an on-the-spot interview. A good rule is to dress so your interviewer can picture you in the job. No matter where you are applying, jeans, dirty running shoes or wrinkled shirts are a big no-no in interviews. Bring your resumé and the information you need to complete an application.

plying online, leveraging your networks and scheduling meet and greets now.

Don't keep your search too narrow

Remember, often the most unexpected roles provide the greatest learning experiences. Be open to many industries and types of roles when pursuing a summer job. Even if the position does not align directly with your "dream job," you will likely have the opportunity to learn valuable skills and build your network.

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Making your job application stand out from the pack

- There are several creative ways to get noticed by a potential employer
- But most important are a cover letter and resume that match the job



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There are many different ways to stand out from the pack when you apply for a job.

"Once, I received a shoe box that contained artifacts," said Paule Bellegarde, human resources manager at Hill & Knowlton Canada. "It included a letter explaining that

The worst thing is when they spell my name wrong, or the company's name wrong."

SANDRA UPESLACIS

these were all qualities — it got the person an interview."

Sandra Upeslakis, manager of talent retention and acquisition for National Public Relations,

said: "I got a few resumes submitted by email that included links to videos on YouTube. The best videos were about two to three minutes and had testimonials from professors (and) previous employers, and the person came on at the end and explained why they'd be a great addition to the company."

While Bellegarde and Upeslakis admired the unique efforts, both said it wasn't enough to land the candidates a job.

Most important: a cover letter and resume that are clear, concise and a perfect match to the job description. Here's a checklist. Your cover letter and resume should include:

Perfect spelling and grammar

"The worst thing is when they spell my name wrong, or the company's name wrong. I'm in the communications business and you need to be able to express yourself well," said Upeslakis. A quality cover letter and resume

will stand out.

Organized structure

Bellegarde said that it's important to list chronology. "You should be able to see the person's history. If you have a degree, put the date you graduated. And under each position, there should be three or four bullets of accomplishments."

Clarity of information

"If something was a summer job, say so. Don't call yourself a seasoned professional if you have one internship under your belt," said Upeslakis. You may also want to double-check your credentials on social media sites. Bellegarde said she often checks an applicant's LinkedIn profile.

Research about the company

Bellegarde said it is apparent when an applicant has researched the company. "It's great if they refer to criteria in the posting in their cover letter."

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Furthermore, they are more likely to recognize you by your face and not your name. It also shows you are serious about wanting the reference because you made the effort to come see them.

Go in with a purpose

The more information you give your professor about the opportunity you are seeking, the better and more detailed the letter will be. For job applications, provide the professor with the job description and a copy of your resumé.

Show your work



► If possible, go see the professor rather than send an email.

If you can, find and bring either an original marked-up and graded copy of an assignment you completed for the professor, or print a file that has been stored on your hard drive or USB key.

Professors meet hundreds of new students every year and may need a reminder of how amazing you were as a student.

Tell them why

If applying for a job, tell the professor why you are excited about the opportunity, which may help him or her to want to be part of the process.

If you don't ask, you won't know

Try not to be shy about asking, and remember that profs are there to help you. It is an unwritten rule that they write letters of reference for students. There is definitely no harm in asking. The worst that can happen is that they'll say no.

Say thank you and keep

the prof updated on your progress. No matter what happens, whether you're admitted or rejected, hired

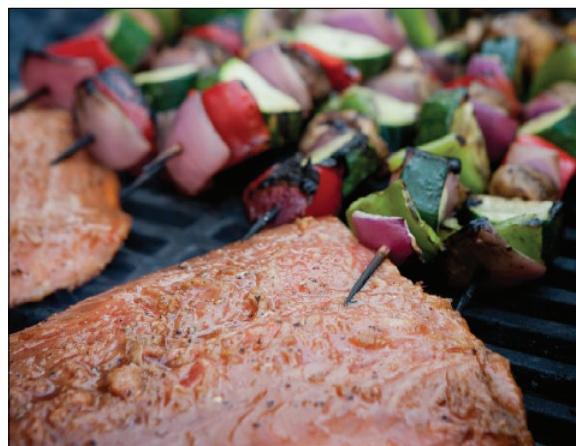
or not, call, email or write your professor to say thank you.

And, if they show any

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Oilers look ahead to a brighter future

► After second consecutive last-place finish, Oilers selling hope over results

Despite Edmonton missing the NHL playoffs for the fifth straight year, three rookies, Taylor Hall, Jordan Eberle and Magnus Paajarvi, have raised expectations and given fans a reason to believe better days are ahead.

"There's definitely a different feeling," captain Shawn Horcoff said. "I think last year there was a lot of uncertainty. Where do we go from here? What's going to happen?

"We knew there was going to be a lot of changes made in the off-season, so there was a lot of questions in everyone's mind. It's a totally different feeling this year. I think we understand the direction we're going."

"We have a real good base. The talent, especially the young talent that came in this year, really showed everyone, fans in the city, they can play and they're going to be able to play at a high level early."

With a 4-3 overtime loss

"We've finished last two years in a row. I think we have the pieces to the puzzle to put a good season together next year."

TAYLOR HALL

to Colorado on Sunday, the Oilers finished with a 25-45-12 record and 62 points. That's the same total they had in 2009-10 when they recorded a 24-47-8 mark.

While there was no progress in the standings, in large part because of a rash of season-ending injuries to Horcoff, Ales Hemsky, Ryan Whitney and Sam Gagner, the outlook is much different from a year ago.

"Unfortunately, it didn't show up in the points total, but I can tell you, and I was in that room the last three years, this group this year really impressed me," veteran Jason Strudwick



► The Oilers have hope that better days are ahead with the help of rookies such as Jordan Eberle.

said. "There was a lot of positive people in that room, a lot of energy."

"Obviously, that's something the young guys definitely bring, along with an immense amount of talent. Looking ahead, I see a lot of good things for this

team."

A work-in-progress or not, expectations have changed.

"We want to have a playoff spot this time next year," defenceman Theo Peckham said. "We don't want to just rely on the

old, 'We're rebuilding' stage.

"The excuses for losing kind of get old. For us right now, it's having a good summer, training hard and coming back next year ready to go."

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A LOOK AT THE OILERS' BEST AND WORST

Another Oilers season is in the book and it looked remarkably similar to the one before it. Hope still springs eternal, even if the results were infernal, so let's take this chance to look at the good and the bad of 2010-11, once and for all.

Best Player: It's a sad indictment of the campaign, but defenceman Ryan Whitney was the biggest standout. True, he hasn't played since late December, but the Oilers were 12-17-6 when he was manning the blue-line and 13-28-6 without him. Whitney's 27 points in 35 games projected to totals which would have made him the runaway scoring leader in Edmonton if he hadn't been felled by an ankle injury (though the brittle Ales Hemsky could make the same claim). At plus-13, Whitney was also one of only three Oilers to avoid the minus column, along with Hemsky and Richard Petiot, who played two games.

Worst Player: A very competitive category. And though the defence in front of him deserves a good chunk of blame, goalie Nikolai Khabibulin did himself no favours this season. On average, he faced less shots than battery mate Devan Dubnyk but posted worse stats. Khabibulin had just two wins since mid-December and his 3.40 goals-

against average was second-worst in the NHL among regular goalies, just a bit better than Rick DiPietro of the Islanders. Plus, he's under contract for another two seasons, so the fun won't be stopping unless he retires.

Best Move: Sending Dustin Penner to the Kings at the trade deadline netted Edmonton a first-round draft pick, a conditional pick and prospect Colten Teubert. Along with the coveted first-round selection (giving Edmonton two this year), GM Steve Tambellini also invested himself of a \$4.25-million cap hit for next season on a player whose tenure in town was marked by unrealistic expectations.

Worst Move: Taylor Hall dropping the gloves with Derek Dorsett. When Sidney Crosby has his rare fights, it's with someone in a similar experience class, like Matt Niskanen or Brett McLean — not a seasoned brawler like Dorsett. Hall learned that the hard way and even though damage didn't come from a punch, the takedown and ensuing ankle injury wrecked Hall's outside shot of the Calder Trophy.

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y-Boston	82	46	25	5	6	246	195	103	22-13-3-3	24-12-2-3	6-3-0-1	L1
x-Pittsburgh	82	49	25	5	3	238	199	106	25-14-2-0	24-11-3-3	8-2-0-0	W4
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x-Montreal	82	44	30	5	2	216	209	96	24-11-3-3	20-19-2-0	5-4-1-0	W1
x-Buffalo	82	43	29	9	1	245	229	96	21-16-3-1	22-13-6-0	8-1-1-0	W4
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New Jersey	82	38	39	3	2	174	209	81	22-16-2-1	16-23-2-0	4-5-0-1	W1
Atlanta	82	34	36	5	7	223	269	80	17-17-2-5	17-19-3-2	4-6-0-0	L2
Ottawa	82	32	40	5	5	192	250	74	16-20-3-2	16-20-3-2	5-4-0-1	L1
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p-Vancouver	82	54	19	4	5	262	185	117	27-9-3-4	27-10-3-1	7-3-0-0	W2
y-San Jose	82	48	25	4	5	248	213	105	25-11-2-3	23-14-2-2	7-2-0-1	W1
y-Detroit	82	47	25	6	4	261	241	104	21-14-2-2	26-11-2-1	4-4-1-1	W1
x-Anaheim	82	47	30	3	2	239	235	99	26-13-1-1	21-17-2-1	7-3-0-0	W3
x-Nashville	82	44	27	7	4	219	194	99	24-9-5-3	20-18-1-2	7-2-1-0	L1
x-Phoenix	82	43	26	7	6	231	226	99	21-13-4-3	22-13-3-3	5-3-0-2	L1
x-Los Angeles	82	46	36	4	2	219	198	97	25-13-3-0	21-17-1-2	6-4-0-0	L2
x-Chicago	82	44	29	4	5	258	225	97	24-17-0-0	20-12-5-4	5-4-1-0	L1
Dallas	82	42	29	4	7	227	233	95	22-11-3-5	20-18-1-2	4-4-1-1	L1
Calgary	82	41	29	5	7	250	237	94	23-13-2-3	18-16-3-4	5-2-2-1	L1
St. Louis	82	38	35	5	6	240	234	87	23-13-4-3	15-20-4-2	6-2-1-1	W1
Minnesota	82	39	35	3	5	206	233	86	19-17-3-2	20-18-1-2	4-6-0-0	W2
Columbus	82	34	35	5	8	215	258	81	17-19-1-4	17-16-4-4	1-6-1-2	L6
Colorado	82	30	44	7	1	227	288	68	16-21-4-0	14-23-3-1	2-8-0-0	W1
Edmonton	82	25	45	3	9	193	269	62	13-22-1-5	12-23-3-3	2-6-1-1	L3

d = division leaders ranked 1-2 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Sunday's results

Colorado 4 Edmonton 3 (OT)
Detroit 4 Chicago 3

END OF 2010-11 REGULAR SEASON

PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS (BEST-OF-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Washington (1) vs. N.Y. Rangers (8)

Tomorrow's game

N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

Friday's game

N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 17

Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, April 20

Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 23

x-N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 3 p.m.

Monday, April 25

x-Washington at N.Y. Rangers, TBA

Wednesday, April 27

x-N.Y. Rangers at Washington, TBA

Philadelphia (2) vs. Buffalo (7)

Thursday's game

Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's game

Buffalo at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.

Monday, April 18

Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 20

Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7 p.m.

Friday, April 22

x-Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 24

x-Philadelphia at Buffalo, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26

x-Buffalo at Philadelphia, TBA

Boston (3) vs. Montreal (6)

Thursday's game

SCORING LEADERS

G	A	PT
D.Sedin, Vcr	41	63
St. Louis, TB	31	68
Perry, Ana	50	48
H.Sedin, Vcr	19	75
Stampkos, TB	45	46
Iginla, Cal	43	43
Ovechkin, Wash	32	53
Selanne, Ana	31	49
Zetterberg, Det	24	56
B.Richards, Dal	28	49
E.Staal, Car	33	43
Toews, Chi	32	44
C.Giroux, Pha	25	51
Getzlaf, Ana	19	57

END OF 2010-11 REGULAR SEASON

BUCKS 93, RAPTORS 86

TORONTO (86)
J.Johnson 5-10-2-21-12, Dorsey 3-12-4-6-10,
Davis 11-3-5-15, Bayless 7-20-4-6-20,
DeRozan 4-14-9-10-17, Wright 1-3-1-2-3, Ajinca 3-0-0-7-0, Alabi 1-2-0-0-2. Totals 30-81-23-31-86.
MILWAUKEE (93)
Delfino 2-0-5-0-5, Mihal 2-0-4-0-4, Gooden 6-14-7-19, Jennings 7-16-6-21, Salmons 9-14-5-24, Sanders 1-1-1-2-3, Ilyasova 1-5-4-4-6, Dooling 0-3-0-0-0, Redd 1-6-1-0-0, Douglas-Roberts 1-2-0-0-2, Boykins 1-2-2-2-4, Maggette 1-3-1-2-3. Totals 32-76-26-30-93.
Toronto
33 18 20 15 -86
Milwaukee
25 21 23 24 -93

3-Point Goals—Toronto 3-12 (Bayless 2-7, Ajinca 1-2, DeRozan 0-1, J.Johnson 0-2), Milwaukee 4-17 (Salmons 1-1, Jennings 1-3, Delfino 1-3, Douglas-Roberts 0-1, Maggette 0-1, Dooling 0-2, Redd 0-3, Ilyasova 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 57 (Dorsey 20), Milwaukee 50 (Gooden 11). Assists—Toronto 16 (Bayless 5), Milwaukee 20 (Gooden 5). Total Fouls—Toronto 21, Milwaukee 20. Technicals—Milwaukee defensive three second. A=13,279 (18,717) at Milwaukee.

Los Angeles

Weaver W,3-0 72-3 4 1 1 4 15

Takahashi H,2 1-3 0 0 0 0 0

Rodney S,2-3 1 0 0 0 0 0 1

T=2:48, A=43,525 (45,389).

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Chicago	60	20	.750	3/
y-Boston	57	24	.704	5/
x-Orlando	51	30	.630	9/
x-Atlanta	44	37	.543	16/
x-New York	42	38	.525	18/
x-Philadelphia	41	40	.506	19/
x-Indiana	37	44	.457	23/
Minwaukee	34	47	.420	26/
Charlotte	33	48	.407	27/
Detroit	29	52	.358	31/
New Jersey	24	57	.296	36/
Washington	23	58	.284	37/
Toronto	22	59	.272	38/
Cleveland	18	63	.222	42/

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-San Antonio	61	19	.763	—
x-Dallas	56	25	.691	5/
y-L.A. Lakers	55	25	.688	6
y-Oklahoma City	54	26	.675	7
x-Denver	51	31	.617	11/
x-Portland	47	33	.588	14
x-Memphis	46	34	.575	15/
x-New Orleans	46	35	.568	15/
Houston	42	39	.519	19/
Phoenix	38	42	.475	23
Utah	38	43	.469	23/
Golden State	35	46	.432	26/
L.A. Clippers	31	50	.383	30/
Sacramento	24	56	.300	37
Minnesota	17	63	.213	44

Yesterday's results

Texas 2 Detroit 0

Tampa Bay 16 Boston 5

Oakland 21 Chicago White Sox 1 (10 inn.)

Cleveland at L.A. Angels

Toronto at Seattle

Sunday's results

L.A. Angels 3 Toronto 1

Boston 4 N.Y. Yankees 0

Chicago White Sox 6 Tampa Bay 1

Charlotte 105 New Jersey 103

Orlando 95 Philadelphia 85

Washington 91 Boston 94 (OT)

Cleveland 110 Detroit 101

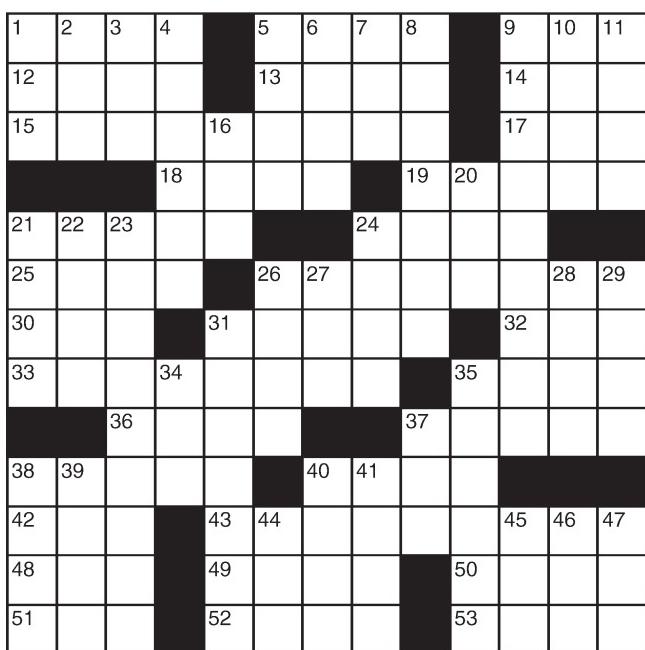
Milwaukee 93 Toronto 86

Memphis 111 New Orleans 89

Crossword

Across

1 Loony
5 Actress Sorvino
9 "That's a laugh!"
12 Reed instrument
13 Black, in poetry
14 Hearty brew
15 Mouth organ
17 Tier
18 Asset
19 Physician of ancient Greece
21 Was sore
24 Great Lake
25 Carson predecessor
26 "All Quiet on the Western Front" author
30 Blunder
31 Automaton
32 "Born in the —"
33 Suave
35 Hastened
36 Terrible guy?
37 Gives temporarily
38 Dr. Salk
40 Entrance
42 Early bird?
43 Teen sibs of who-dunit fame
48 Before
49 Did surveillance on
50 Touch
51 Apiece
52 Stitches
53 Viscous



7 Sinbad's bird
8 Turn of phrase?
9 Pantomime jester
10 Lotion additive
11 Chopped
16 Antiquated
20 Melody
21 Mimicked
22 Give a darn
23 Omen
24 Like certain profs.
26 Equine coloration
27 Inventor Whitney
28 Second-hand
29 George of "CSI"
31 Grinds one's teeth

► Yesterday's answer



Down

1 Homer's outcry
2 Lawyers' org.
3 Supporting
4 Composure
5 Options list
6 Wading bird

Today's horoscope



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Aries March 21-April 20 The more you're tempted to take a risk, the more you should remind yourself there's no need.

Taurus April 21-May 21

What looks like a problem now won't be one for long.

Gemini May 22-June 21 If you make an error of some kind today, you must put it right the first chance you get.

Cancer June 22-July 22 If you are not entirely sure you are doing the right thing, it might be better to do nothing at all.

Leo July 23-Aug. 23 Be careful what you say because a rival is looking for a reason to catch you and make you look bad.

Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 If you have skeletons in your closet, you must have a plan for when they're revealed.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Someone will say things to provoke you. Don't take the bait.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 It's good to take your responsibilities seriously but don't let them take over your entire life.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Be wary of someone who tries to coax you into taking a risk.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You are not responsible for all the bad things that happen in other people's lives.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Stick with what you have got, at least for the moment, and don't get greedy.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 An individual who lacks common sense needs your help today.

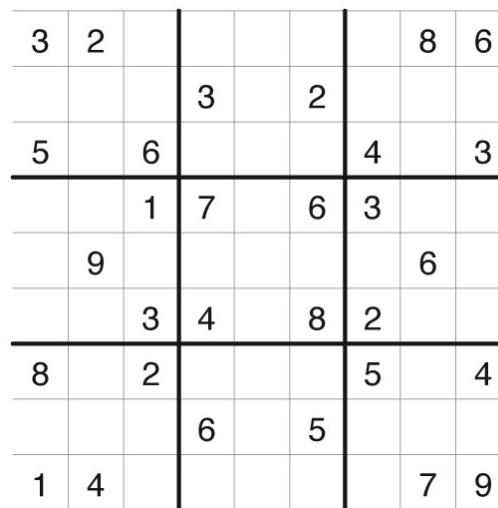
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Yesterday's answer ►



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TODAY



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Max 2°

WEDNESDAY



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Max 4°

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